

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

In addition to your *Extended Health Benefits* sponsored by the Government of the Northwest Territories, you might also have coverage for prescription drugs through another supplementary health benefit plan. For example, you might qualify under another plan because you or your spouse work for an employer that provides such benefits, or have coverage through Workers Compensation or a private insurance plan.

In such cases, the *Extended Health Benefits* program is considered payor of last resort. As such, you must first submit your claim to your other plan.

- 1) Claim through your other plan first.
- 2) If the full cost is not covered by your other plan, complete an Alberta Blue Cross claim form and submit it for reimbursement after you have claimed through your other plan. Be sure to attach your confirmation of payment from the other plan carrier. You will then be reimbursed for eligible amounts up to the limits of this program.



This brochure is intended to provide an overview of this program for your convenience. It is not a legal document nor a complete listing of benefits.

This brochure represents your benefits in effect as of April 2004.

CLAIMING AND BENEFIT INQUIRIES...

If you have questions about your prescription drug benefits, or require any assistance with claiming, please contact Alberta Blue Cross toll-free at 1-800-661-6995.

Please have your Alberta Blue Cross identification card on hand when you call.



PROGRAM INFORMATION...

For an application for this program, information regarding eligibility, or for information about other benefits provided through the *Extended Health Benefits Program*, please contact:

Health Benefit Program

Health Services Administration
Department of Health and Social Services
Government of the Northwest Territories
Bag #9, Inuvik, NWT X0E 0T0

Phone toll-free **1-800-661-0830**
Phone **(867) 777-7400**
Fax **(867) 777-3197**
Internet **www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca**

Individuals who are Dene or Inuit need to access benefits through the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program administered by Health Services Administration at the above address.



Northwest Territories Health and Social Services

*Brochure disponible en français sur demande.
Translation into other NWT official languages will be provided upon reasonable request.*



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PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

for SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS



INTRODUCTION

Through the *Extended Health Benefits Program* sponsored by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), non-Native and Metis residents of the Northwest Territories who have specified medical conditions are provided with certain benefits not covered by hospital and medical care insurance.

In conjunction with this program, Prescription Drug Benefits for Specified Medical Conditions are administered by Alberta Blue Cross on behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to qualify for this program, you must be:

- non-Native or Metis
- a permanent resident of the NWT
- registered with the NWT Health Care Plan
- under the care of a physician for one of the following medical conditions.



Alcohol Dependency	Congenital Heart Disease	Muscular Dystrophy
Alzheimer's Disease	Crohn's Disease	Osteoarthritis
Asthma	Cystic Fibrosis	Pernicious Anemia
Cancer	Dermatomyositis	Phenylketonuria (PUK)
Celiac Disease	Diabetes Insipidus	Psoriasis
Cerebral Palsy	Diabetes Mellitus	Rheumatic Fever
Certain disorders of the blood and immune system	Drug Dependency	Rheumatoid Arthritis
Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease	Epilepsy	Rickets
Chronic Psychosis	Head Injury	Scleroderma
Cleft Lip & Cleft Palate	HIV Infection and all other HIV related diseases	Scoliosis
Congenital Cytomegalovirus Infection	Hypertension (subject to certain BP levels)	Spina Bifida
Congenital Anomalies of the Urinary System	Ischemic Heart Disease	Spinal Cord Injury- Paraplegia and Quadriplegia
	Lupus Erythematosus	Tuberculosis
	Multiple Sclerosis	Ulcerative Colitis
		Wegener's Granulomatosis

You must apply for the *Extended Health Benefits* program to be eligible for benefits. An *Extended Health Benefits* application form may be obtained from your local health centre, public health unit or medical clinic, or from the Health Services Administration office of the Department of Health and Social Services.

Please note that comparable coverage for specified medical conditions is provided to Metis residents of the NWT through the Metis Health Benefits Program, and provided to Native residents of the NWT through the Non Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program.

BENEFITS



Prescription Drug Benefits through this program are administered by Alberta Blue Cross on behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

This program provides you with 100 per cent coverage for eligible prescription drug products as defined in the *NWT Drug Listing*, when the drug is prescribed by a health care professional and dispensed by a licenced pharmacist.

Should a drug that has been prescribed for you not be included in the *NWT Drug Listing*, your health care professional or pharmacist may submit a request to Alberta Blue Cross on your behalf for prior authorization through the *Extended Health Benefits* program.



HOW TO CLAIM FOR BENEFITS

Each registrant in this program is provided with an Alberta Blue Cross identification card. Please carry this card with you at all times to access services.

Show your Alberta Blue Cross identification card when you pay for your prescription at a pharmacy, and the pharmacist will bill Alberta Blue Cross directly for the amount owing.

The direct-bill drug card eliminates the need for submitting claim forms and the time you would otherwise have to wait for reimbursement of your claim.

In instances where direct billing is not available, you may complete an *Alberta Blue Cross Health Services Claim Form* (available from your pharmacist or on the Internet at www.ab.bluecross.ca/forms.html) and submit it with original receipts within 12 months of the date the expense was incurred. Reimbursement will be made to you at your home address.

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